

MAG Related Bills – Building Codes Committee

BILL SUMMARY
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Issue	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description	Status	Rec. Position
			BUILDING CODES		
Solar Construction Permits	HB 2615	Reps. Mason, Ableser, Reagan	Counties and municipalities are required to adopt a set of prescribed standards for issuing permits for the use of certain solar energy devices. Also an 18-member (six are legislators) Local Government Solar Equipment Permit Process Improvement Study Committee is established to study best practices regarding permitting and removal of barriers to the permitting process. A report with recommendations is due to the Legislature and governor by Dec. 31, 2009.	House 1 st Read: 2/13/08 2 nd Read: 2/14/08 <u>Committees:</u> CMMA: DPA/SE 3/04/08 Rules: C&P 3/11/08 COW: DPA 3/13/08	Monitor
Omnibus Energy Act of 2008	HB 2766	Rep. Mason; 16 others	Establishes energy efficiency goals for residential and commercial construction, schools and state buildings. The bill also addresses renewable energy goals for public utilities, engine idling, biofuels and other motor fuel emissions.	House 1 st Read: 2/13/08 2 nd Read: 2/14/08 <u>Committees:</u> WA: DPA 2/21/08 Env: W/D 3/12/08 Rules: 2/13/08	Monitor
Architect Specialist Certification	SB 1345	Sen. Gray C	A specialist certification for architects is created for architects who meet qualifications as established by the Board of Technical Registration. Plans submitted to a public entity by a certified architectural specialist are to be approved without a formal review process.	Senate 1 st Read: 2/04/08 2 nd Read: 2/05/08 <u>Committees:</u> CED: 2/04/08 Rules: 2/04/08	Monitor